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FROM:

Kurt E. Floren

Agricultural Commissioner

Director of Weights and Measures

SUBJECT:

ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY ERADICATION

Two specimens of Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF), a major agricultural pest, were detected in Glendale on August 21 and 24. In response, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will be conducting an OFF eradication operation, beginning Wednesday, August 29, within the 8.6 square mile area shown on the attached map.

The method of eradication will be "male annihilation" treatments. This treatment consists of squirting a small spot of bait onto utility poles, light poles and street tree trunks from a truck that drives slowly through the area. These "bait stations" are placed approximately six to eight feet up on the poles and trees, with approximately 600 such spots applied per square mile. Male flies feed on the bait and are killed by the small amount of Naled pesticide in the bait. Treatments will be repeated at two-week intervals for a minimum of four applications. Such treatments present no inconvenience to community members, although some residents may become curious upon viewing the modified pick-up trucks used to apply the bait. No aerial bait treatments are planned.

Oriental Fruit Fly is one of the world's most destructive insect pests. In its maggot stage, it feeds on hundreds of different fruits and vegetables. Originally from southeast Asia, it is now found in Hawaii and other Pacific Islands.

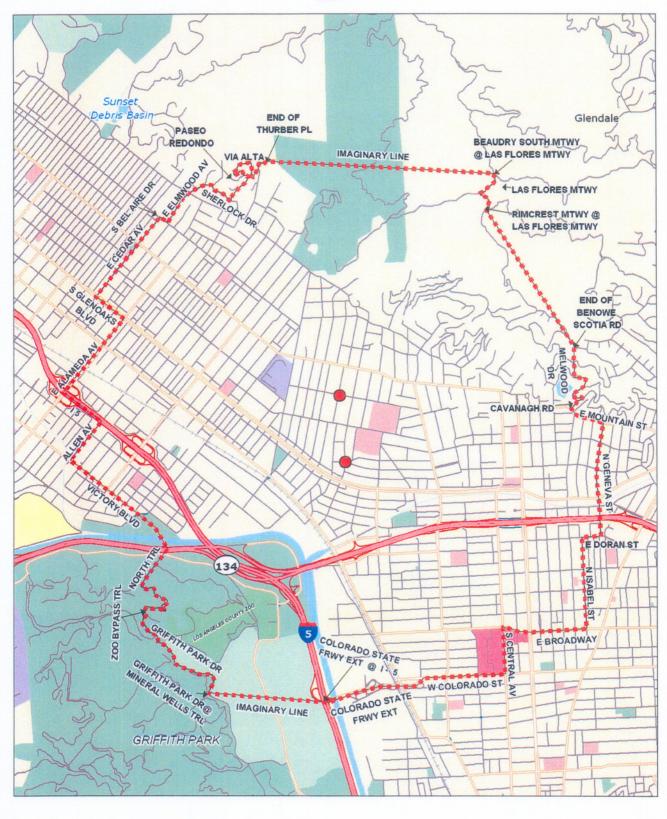
We are informing the City Managers of Glendale, Burbank, and Los Angeles, the respective public utilities and public works departments, and your Board offices in the treatment area to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
R. Doyle Campbell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Public Safety
Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer
Board Deputies

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